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FAST AND FURIOUS: Jamaica's Elaine Thompson-Herah equalled the second-fastest time in history | AP

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TOKYO 2020

JAMAICAN RUN: WOMEN REIGN SUPREME AGAIN

Sprinting powerhouse, led by a new Olympic record set by Elaine Thompson-Herah, finish 1-2-3 in the women's 100m

DOUBLE FOR ELAINE, SHELLY ANN GETS SILVER

The 2016 winner zoomed past pre-race favourite Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce to set a new Olympic mark of 10.61 seconds. The previous best (10.62) was set by Florence Griffith-Joyner in 1988. Just to underline Jamaica's depth, they swept the event with both Fraser-Pryce (second, 10.74) and Shericka Jackson (10.76) finishing on the podium | P15

SINDHU HAS NO ANSWERS TO TAI TZU-YING

India's badminton ace, chasing a second successive semifinal, fell to Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu-Ying. In what ultimately became a one-sided semifinal, the World No 2, widely recognised as one of the best in the sport, unveiled her full box of tricks and Sindhu had no answer. She will now face He Bingjiao for the bronze medal on Sunday

64m

DISCUS THROW PUTS INDIA'S KAMALPREET KAUR IN FINAL

CENTRE FOR TIGHT CURBS IN 10 STATES

Directions come after a review meeting of the states, which account for 80% of the active cases in the country

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

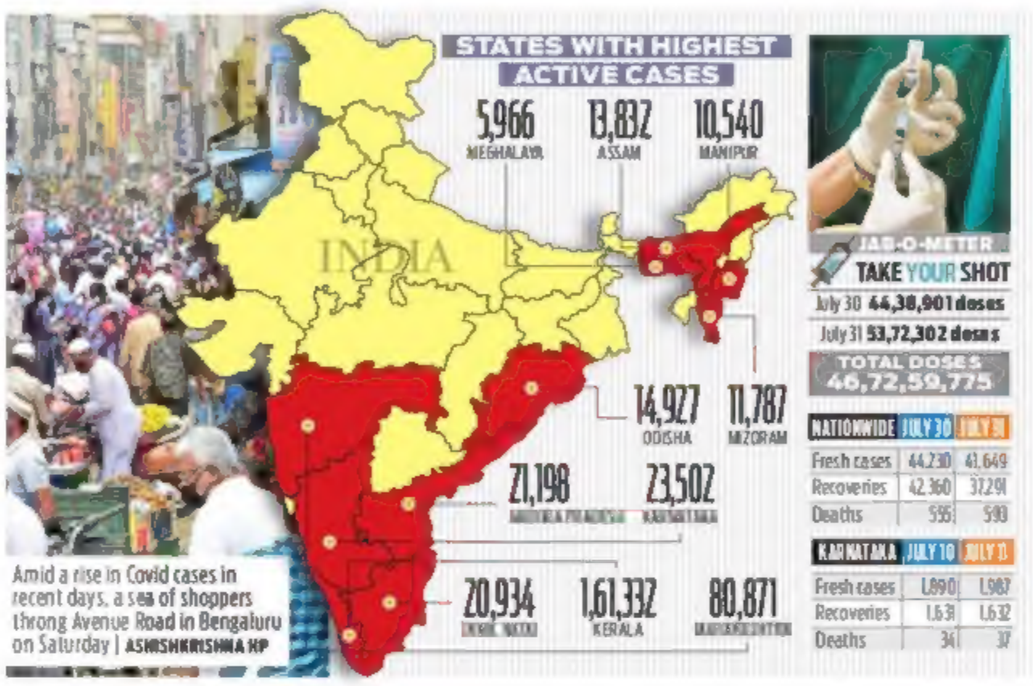
WITH 46 districts in India still reporting Covid-19 test positivity rate of over 10%, the Centre on Saturday asked them to impose strict restrictions on intermingling of people. The directions came after a review meeting of 10 states that are registering a surge in cases, or positivity rate, or both.

As 80% of the active cases in these states — Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh and Manipur — are in home isolation, the government also asked them to strictly monitor the patients at home to ensure they do not spread the infection in the community. In the meeting, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan warned against any complacency with around 40,000 Covid-19 new cases being reported daily since the preceding weeks and urged the states to ramp up their testing. There are also 53 districts reporting 5-10% of positivity, which suggests that the pandemic may not be fully under control.

The Union Government said the states should focus on the districts with a positivity rate of less than 10% in order to protect them by ensuring saturation of vaccination.

In addition, states have been advised to conduct their own state-level serosurveys for district-wise disease prevalence data with the help of the ICMR as the national-level sero-prevalence survey was heterogeneous in nature. A recently-concluded serosurvey, based on samples collected from 70 districts in 22 states by the ICMR had shown that nearly 68% of the population of India may have antibodies against SARS CoV 2, confirming past exposure to the virus.

ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava advised the states to ramp up vaccination in the 60+ and 45-60 age categories as evidence shows that nearly 80% of the mortality was from these vulnerable age-groups. Regarding enforcement measures, he advised the states to avoid all non-essential travel and to discourage all large gatherings of crowds. The government also highlighted the need for the states to push for PSA oxygen plants in private hospitals. "Provisions under the Clinical Establishment Act enable states to issue such directions to private hospitals," said the Union Health Ministry, adding that in government hospitals, the Centre and states have already been trying to install oxygen generators.



Amid a rise in Covid cases in recent days, a sea of shoppers throng Avenue Road in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

RTPCR -ve report must to enter K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AS Covid cases are spiking in neighbouring states, the Karnataka Government has made it mandatory for those coming in from Kerala and Maharshtra to carry a negative RTPCR report.

A circular issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Jawaid Akhtar, stated that the RTPCR report should not be more than 72 hours old, irrespective of the vaccination status.

The guidelines are mandatory for those coming into Karnataka through any mode of transport -- road, rail or air. Airlines have been told to issue boarding passes to passengers only after they produce a negative RTPCR report. Railway authorities have to ensure that all passengers are carrying a negative report, it added. P7

Jharkhand orders CBI inquiry into addl judge's death

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand government on Saturday recommended a CBI inquiry into the alleged murder of Dhanbad district and additional judge Uttam Anand.

The judge was killed after an auto-rickshaw mowed him down on Wednesday morning. Allegations of foul play were raised after CCTV footage from the area showed the vehicle intentionally hitting him.

"The case related to the death of Dhanbad District and Additional Judge Uttam Anand has been handed over to the CBI on the recommendations of Chief Minister Hemant Soren," stated an official communiqué from the Chief Minister's Office.

The decision was taken a day after Soren met the family members of the deceased. Earlier on Thursday, the Jharkhand High Court took suo motu cognisance of the matter, calling it a direct attack on judiciary. The court had said: "If the court feels that the investigations are not being done properly, the case may be handed over to CBI at any point of time." On Friday, the Supreme Court also took suo motu cognisance, seeking a detailed report from the chief secretary and the director general of police.

'Attack on judiciary'

Seeking a CBI probe, president of the SC Bar Association senior advocate Vikas Singh had told the SC that the murder of Anand was an attack on the judicial system

As on Saturday, two persons — Lakhan Verma and Rahul Verma — have been arrested and the auto-rickshaw has been recovered from Giridih. An FIR under section 302 of the IPC was registered in the Dhanbad police station.

Meanwhile, a 22-Member Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by ADG (Operations) Sanjay Anand Latkar, was formed on Friday to expedite the investigation. According to the Jharkhand Police spokesperson and IG (Operations), CID and Forensic teams have also been roped in to assist the SIT.

'For every Covid case detected, 30 unreported'

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

FOR every single Covid case reported in the country, 30 cases remained undetected or were missed, said Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, epidemiologist and India's leading public policy, vaccines and health systems expert based out of Delhi, during an exclusive interview to *The New Sunday Express*.

His findings are based on an analysis of the ICMR's fourth sero-survey report. He has also prepared a list of states as per the number of cases they missed. "According to me, for every laboratory that has confirmed Covid cases across the country, the number of undetected cases range from 6 to 98. Uttar Pradesh has the highest of 98 unreported cases, while Karnataka has 16. It is the lowest for Kerala at six," he said.

But, he explained, it should not be misconstrued as states deliberately underreporting cases. P3

We must encourage states to report more number of cases so that quick action can be taken to mitigate the pandemic.
- Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, Epidemiologist

State to get 1 cr vax doses from this month: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the Centre has agreed to increase the number of Covid vaccines supplied to the State to one crore doses per month from August.

"We now get around 65 lakh doses and we have asked for 1.5 crore doses, which will allow us to administer around 5 lakh doses a day. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya agreed to increase the supplies to one crore doses from August and take it up further later," Bommai said here on Saturday.

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Assam, Nagaland to de-escalate tensions

Guwahati: The chief secretaries of Assam and Nagaland on Saturday signed an agreement to de-escalate the situation at two locations in Dessoi valley forest/Tsurangkong valley by withdrawing security forces within the next 24-hours | P10

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